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REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1-24, 26, and 28 have been cancelled as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Claims 25 and 27 have been amended. New claims 29-38 have been added. Support for the amendments to claims 25 and 27 can be found in the claims as originally filed. Support for new claims 29-31 and 33 can be found in the claims as originally filed. Support for new claims 32, 34, and 38 can be found throughout the specification, including at least at page 33, line 15 to page 34, line 3; and page 34, line 17 to page 35, line 4. Support for new claims 35-37 can be found in the claims as originally filed and in the specification at page 33, lines 8-14; at page 34, lines 30-32; and at page 10, lines 9-18. Thus, upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 25, 27, and 29-38 will be pending in the instant application.

No new matter has been added. Applicants request that the amendments to the claims be entered. The foregoing claim amendments and cancellations should in no way be construed as an acquiescence to any of the Examiner's rejections and were made solely to expedite prosecution of the present application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims as originally filed in this or a separate application(s).

Restriction Under 35 U.S.C. 121

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions as required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-8, 16-19, 24, and 26 drawn to lymphotoxin-beta peptides;
- II. Claims 9-15, 20, and 28, drawn to DNA encoding lymphotoxin-beta, host cells, vectors, and expression of recombinant DNA;
- III. Claims 21-23 drawn to a method of treatment using transfected lymphocytes;
- IV. Claims 25 and 27, drawn to a method of treatment using lymphotoxin-beta peptides and/or antibodies thereto.

Applicants hereby elect the Group IV invention (claims 25 and 27), without traverse.

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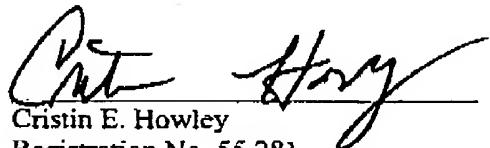
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SUMMARY

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance. If a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' Attorney at (617) 227-7400.

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